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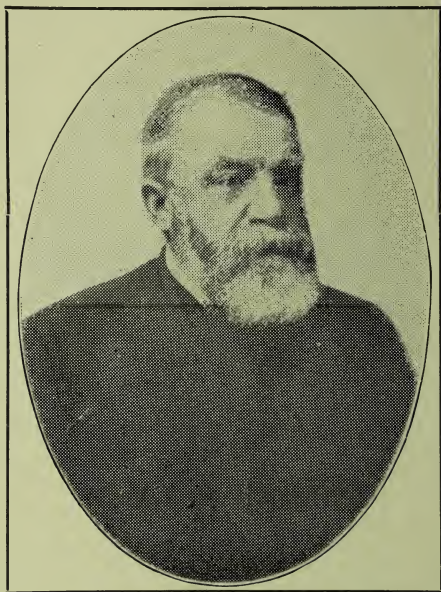
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D. L. MOODY

"My school work will not tell much until the century closes, but when I am gone, I shall leave some grand men and women behind."

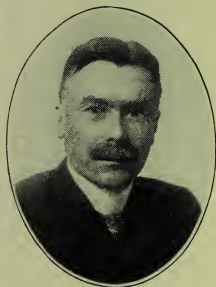
—D. L. Moody.

A Brief Historical Sketch

of

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

By Norman H. Camp



H. P. Crowell, President

Many have heard of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, who would like to know more of its history; while others who have not heard about it will be interested in this brief historical sketch.

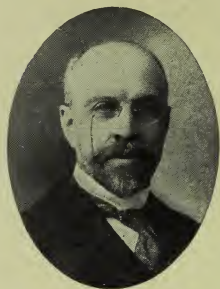
The Origin

It had its beginning shortly after the world-wide Evangelistic tours of Moody and Sankey. At that time Mr. Moody realized how few church members were able to use their Bibles in directing a person in the way of salvation. One day he was seen standing on a vacant lot, near Chicago Avenue, hat in hand and head bowed, praying that God would give him that ground for a Bible Training School. Later in an address delivered in Chicago, January 22, 1886, on "City Evangelism," he spoke of his conviction and the need of the multitudes not reached by the Gospel.

When he advanced the proposition of establishing a school for the instruction of men and women in the knowledge of the Bible, and in the methods of Christian work which he had found so successful, especially in soul-winning, Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick, the reaper king, at once approved of the plan and gave his check for \$10,000.00 to promote it. Subsequently he was joined by John V. Farwell, Elbridge G. Keith, Robert Scott, E. K. Warren and others, who contributed to a fund of \$250,000.00 for the foundation of the work. The Chicago Evangelization Society was then organized, which upon the death of Mr. Moody in December, 1899, had

its corporate name changed to THE MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, in honor of its founder.

Beginning the Work



James M. Gray, D. D., Dean

The school opened in Farwell Hall on Madison Street, well remembered by Chicagoans of that period, and Mr. Moody being the only teacher for a time, gave the first series of Bible lectures. The attendance was small, but almost immediately preparations were made for the erection of a three-story brick building for offices, lecture room and dormitories for men at 153-163 Institute Place, on the

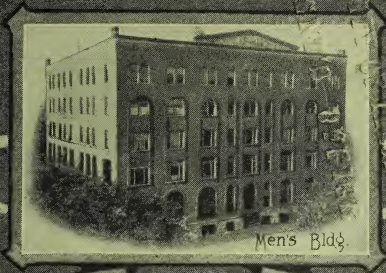
spot which was the scene of Mr. Moody's prayer a few months before. This site is located on the north side of the city, very near the center, and adjacent to LaSalle and Chicago Avenues, a few feet from the place where The Moody Church now stands.

This building was formally opened September 26th, 1889, and Rev. R. A. Torrey, then a pastor in Minneapolis, but already well known as a consecrated Christian, an able Bible teacher and earnest mission-worker, became the Superintendent of the school. The attendance soon increased until the building had to be enlarged to five stories, and other property purchased on LaSalle Avenue as a dormitory for the women students.

The main building on Institute Place continues to be used as a men's dormitory and for the lecture hall, library, and business offices, where the principal work of the Institute has been carried on for more than twenty-five years, but which for the past six years has been quite inadequate for the purpose.

Widening the Borders

In addition to the day department, whose students attend the regular classes, an extension department was instituted in 1897 to stimulate Bible Study and Christian Service among those not able to come to Chicago. By



Men's Bldg.



Men's Dormitory

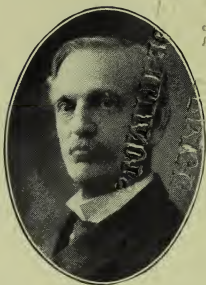


Women's Bldg.



A Bird's Eye Sketch of the Four
Institute Buildings.

weekly Bible classes, Bible conferences, Summer Institutes, Evangelistic meetings, Missionary rallies and Music classes, the Institute has thus been able to carry the Gospel in one way or another to tens of thousands who never could have become regular students.



H. W. Pope,
Superintendent of Men

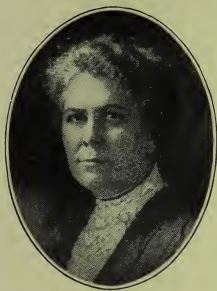
This department also undertakes to fill calls for teachers, evangelists, pastors and Christian workers of almost every kind. It endeavors, in other words, to be a connecting link between the work on different fields and the workers in preparation, or who have just completed their course in training. Five hundred eighty-two calls for such helpers were received last year (1913), and they were supplied so far as there were students capable of accepting the work.

In Chicago it has conducted for the past several years



Student's Room—Men's Dormitory

a weekly Union Bible Class where it has not been an unusual thing to see 1,500 or more people present, representing sometimes over 300 churches. During the past year requests have been received for co-operation for similar classes in other sections of the city.



Charlotte A. Cary,
Superintendent of Women

Noonday meetings are also conducted from time to time in the down town theaters for the benefit of business men and clerks, while in the summer, by means of tents, gospel auto wagons, etc., large numbers of the masses are reached.

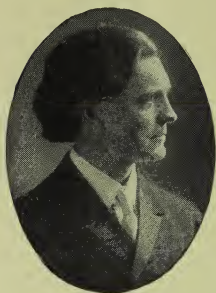
Correspondence Department

In 1901 a correspondence department was added, for the advantage of men and women desiring to take a systematic course in the Bible and practical Christian work, but who are unable to attend the Institute. The



Student's Room—Women's Building

work is carried on by mail, and certificates are granted according to the progress made.



William Evans, D. D.,
Director Bible Course

Six courses are offered students in this department, viz., Synthetic Bible Study, Bible Doctrine, Practical Christian Work, Bible Chapter Summary, The Introductory Bible Course, and the Scofield Correspondence Course. Since its inauguration, 2,288 students have been enrolled, residing in all parts of the United States, in Canada, England, Africa, China, New Zealand, India, Korea, Norway, Australia, Panama, Dutch Guiana, Alaska, and other foreign countries. The enrolment for the

current year exceeds 900, which is more than double that of the preceding year, which was the largest enrolment to that date.

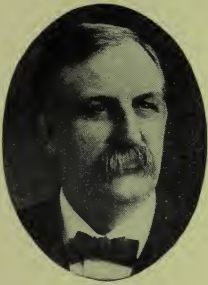
The Evening Classes

Still another much felt need was met when the Evening Classes were added to the work in 1903. Young



The Lecture Room Filled With Students.

men and women, superintendents and teachers in Sunday schools and other Christian workers, or those desiring to become such but who are employed during the day in the shops and stores of the city, are enabled by this department to devote their evenings to securing a training parallel to that of the day department.



D. B. Towner, Mus. D., Director Music Course

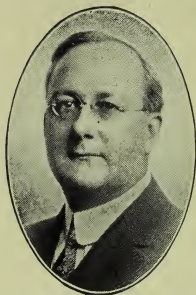
Some who look forward to the regular department when circumstances permit, find it profitable to take the evening courses by way of preparation, for although the same courses of study are given in the evening as in the day, it requires a year longer to complete it. At this

date (1915) 2,448 men and women have been enrolled in this department of whom some have become pastors



The Hall—Women's Building

in the Home Mission Fields, some have gone into Foreign Missionary work, while others are occupying useful positions in their home churches and other religious organizations of their localities.



Wm. W. Ketchum, Di-
rector Practical Work
Course

The Sunday School Course

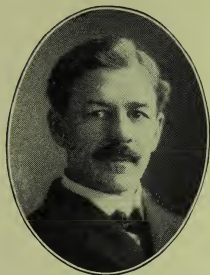
The demand for Christian young men and women who shall make Sunday-school work their life calling has necessitated the introduction of a systematic course to meet their needs. In addition to instruction in the Bible, Missions and Evangelism, this course includes such subjects as pedagogy, psychology, the history and development of the Sunday School and Sunday-school management and administration.



A Mission Study Class in the Gymnasium

The Printed Page

A Colportage Association, an adjunct of the Institute, was organized by Mr. Moody as a separate corporation in 1894, under the name of The Bible Institute Colportage Association. Its aim is the publication and distribution of books, tracts and other helpful religious literature, to counteract the tide of pernicious reading matter flooding the country.



Edward A. Marshall, Director
Missionary Course

More than 6,008,000 of the Moody Colportage Library books alone have been published by this Association and sent to every quarter of the earth. These books are written by such men as Moody, Spurgeon, Talmage, Murray, Chapman, Torrey, Dixon and Gray, and are not only sold at a very low price, but also sent freely to prisons, hospitals, lumber and mining camps, to soldiers and sailors and



Reading Room—Men's Dormitory



The Library



Evening Devotional Meeting—Women's Building

other Spiritually neglected classes, as funds are contributed for the purpose.



P. B. Fitzwater, D. D.,
Registrar and Sec'y to
the Faculty

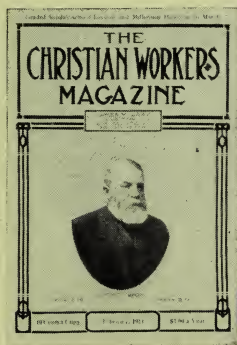
To date 1,002,002 of their various publications have been thus distributed gratuitously, and more than 2,508,700 Bibles, Testaments and Gospels have been published; 2,287,000 copies of the Emphasized Gospel of John alone have been published. Several Colportage Library books have been translated and printed in foreign languages, including such as "The Way to God," by Moody, and "How to Pray," by Torrey.

The Christian Workers Magazine

In September, 1900, "The Institute Tie," a monthly magazine and the official organ of the Institute, was first published. Its name was changed to "The Christian Workers Magazine" in October, 1910. It is devoted to the promotion of Bible Study and Christian Work generally, besides being the medium of communication between those at the Institute and its former students and friends in various parts of the world.

The Buildings

For several years after the completion of the building at 153-163 Institute Place, known as the Men's Building, students were cared for in adjacent buildings, some of which were purchased for that purpose. Chief among these were the Women's Buildings at 812-816 LaSalle Ave., which continued to serve as headquarters for the Women's Department for fifteen years, and the Women's Annex at 830-838 LaSalle Ave. The next main building

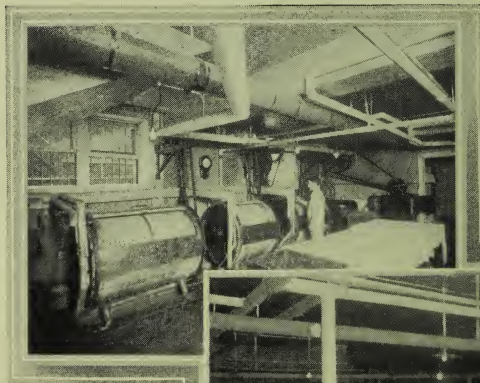


Facsimile of Our Official
Organ.

erected was at 152 Institute Place, known as the Men's Dormitory, which was dedicated free of debt on February 5, 1911. One year later, June 5, 1912, was dedicated the Women's Building, which was erected on the site of the Women's Annex. This is the largest and best of the Institute buildings and contains the dining rooms, kitchen and refrigerating plant. Within a year it is planned to erect an Administration Building on the site of the former Women's Buildings at 812-816 LaSalle Ave. This building will contain the Library, Studios, Class Rooms, Missionary Museum, Colportage Store and General Offices. The heating, lighting and power plant was installed in 1909, and the steam laundry in 1912.



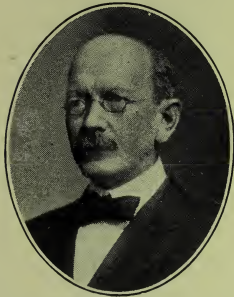
E. O. Sellers, Director
Evening Classes



Portions
of the
Steam
Laundry.



These two plants, a carpenter, paint and machine shop occupy the entire basement floor of the Men's Building. Ex-



J. H. Ralston, Secretary Correspondence Department

perience has shown that the Institute can make its own electricity cheaper than it can be bought, besides the heat in winter is really a by-product, thus making for greater economy. The laundry plant is adequate to care for the needs of both the Institute and the students, doing the work of the latter at one-half the rate charged by outside plants.

The Results

The work in each department is going on in ever widening circles. When one thinks of the large number of men and women who have received instruction and Christian experience at The Moody Bible Institute for the past twenty-five years, the question as to whether it pays answers itself. There has been a total enrolment in all departments of 12,970 students as follows:

Day Classes.....	7,585
Evening Classes.....	2,448
Correspondence Department.....	2,937
Total	12,970

Besides this, there are hundreds of thousands reached through the Extension Department and the Colportage Association. All of these in turn are touching others all over the world, over 700 having gone out as missionaries to the foreign fields, so that throughout eternity there will be multitudes praising God for what He accomplished by this instrument.

Can any one say that the investments made by those men and women of 1886 have not already paid a hundred fold? Can any one doubt that investments made now for the carrying out of this work will not pay in increasing proportion? Surely time has demonstrated that the vision of Dwight L. Moody was inspired of God to meet a world need, and as surely ought men and women of

today emulate its founder by enabling the Institute to "Launch out into the deep, and let down its net for a draught."

The Present Control



A. F. Gaylord, Business
Manager

In all these years the Institute has never swerved from the doctrinal basis or the governing purpose of its founder. It still stands four-square on the integrity of the Scriptures as a divine revelation, the Deity and atonement of Jesus Christ, the necessity of the new birth and justification by faith only.

And it still has for its objective the training of men and women of all denominations and all lands in the English Bible, gospel music, and practical methods of Christian work, with special reference to soul-winning. Its students as a class, wherever



Gospel Autos and Workers in Front of the Men's Dormitory

you find them on the home or foreign field, are always marked by a knowledge of the scripture, an aptness in using it and a zeal for souls.

The Men at the Head



C. B. Norlin, Cashier

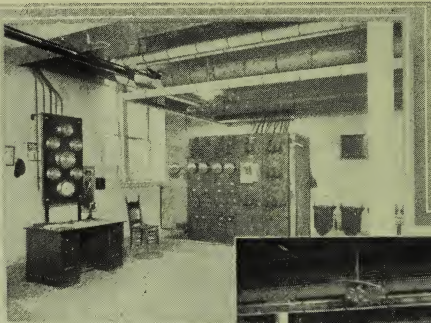
When in 1899 Mr. Moody departed out of this world to the Father, and when a little later the honored Superintendent, Dr. Torrey, felt called into world-wide evangelistic work, the board of trustees planned to conserve and broaden the energies of the Institute by placing them in control of an executive committee. This committee consists of Henry P. Crowell, an active and consecrated layman, who, exerts a wide influence in the business world as well as the church to which he belongs; E. K. Warren, president of the Warren Featherbone Co., and the



A Noon-Day Gospel Meeting

World's Fourth Sunday-school Convention; and James M. Gray, D. D., teacher, preacher and author, and of mature experience in the training of students and in the

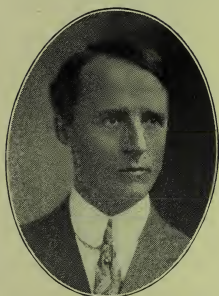
conduct of Christian work. Dr. Gray is also dean of the Educational Department and one of the instructors.



Corners of the
Central Heating,
Lighting and
Power Plant.

Faculty and Business Staff

Associated with Dean Gray in the Educational Department, are Howard W. Pope, Superintendent of Men; Charlotte A. Cary, Superintendent of Women; William Evans, Director of the Bible Course; D. B. Towner, Director of the Music Course; Wm. Wallace Ketchum, Director of the Practical Work Course; E. O. Sellers, Director of the Evening Department, and Edward A. Marshall, Director of the Missionary Course. There is also a Business Staff, consisting of the Dean, the Business Manager, A. F. Gaylord; the secretary of the Cor-



Julius Haavind, Steward
and Purchasing Agent

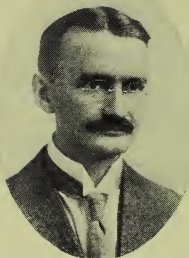
respondence department, J. H. Ralston; the Publishing Agent of The Christian Workers Magazine, Stephen A. Woodruff, and the heads of the Purchasing and the Accounting departments, Julius Haavind and C. B. Norlin. These meet monthly with a representative of the Board of Trustees to conduct the business of the plant.

Besides these the working force of the Institute includes a goodly number of teachers for the day and even-



View Looking East—Lake Michigan in the Distance

ing classes, evangelistic preachers and singers and Bible teachers, who from time to time are sent out in the extension work, and special lectures who are brought in to supplement the work in the class-rooms.



Stephen A. Woodruff, Publishing Agent, Christian Workers Magazine

With the commendatory words of one or two of these lecturers and other friends, this brief sketch may be fittingly concluded; but not without the prayer that God will bless it to the raising up of many helpers for an evangelical and evangelistic work of such strategic importance in these days as The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Weighty Words of Commendation

"The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago most fully embodies the spirit and aims of the noted Evangelist.

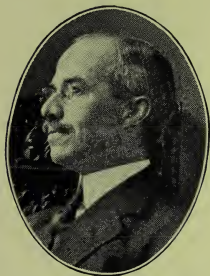
The first thing that strikes one at the Institute is the immense proportions of the work, of which the outside world has only the slightest conception.

A second thing, everywhere apparent, is the supreme place given the Bible as God's inspired Word. There is nothing to be heard of the crude and ignorant exegesis and exposition, claiming to be half-inspired, that is in vogue in some so-called Bible schools; and nothing of the discredited history and perverse interpretation exploited in some of the theological schools in the name of high scholarship.

A third thing that impressed us, is that the Institute has not lost the Evangelistic note that Mr. Moody gave it."—D. S. Gregory, D. D. LL. D., *Editor of the Bible Student and Teacher*.

"I wish to express my deepening interest in the work of The Moody Bible Institute, an interest which increases the more I know about it. The Institute is doing a work of the deepest importance in the sphere of religious experience. Others may be raising questions as to how and where we got our Bible and some may be seeking to reply to them. Blessed be God, there is one place

where they read the Bible as the Word of God, and whose students, having first ascertained its contents, go forth doing their best to convey them to other men! May it live and prosper!"—From an address by President Francis L. Patten, D. D., LL. D., of *Princeton Seminary*.



William Norton, Manager
Colportage Association

"There is a work in Chicago that is being used of God in a marvelous way to answer this cry for help by carrying the fulness of the salvation that is in Christ to lives throughout the world. It was founded by God's man, D. L. Moody, and it bears his name as The Moody Bible Institute.

Its mission is to train workers into such a knowledge of the Word of God and of approved methods of Christian service, while bringing them into such an appropriation of Christ as their fully sufficient and victorious Saviour, that they may go out into the world and obey with power the Great Commissions. *They are doing it.* Few if any institutions in the world to-day stand more blessedly and fruitfully for the inspiration and integrity of the Scrip-

tures, the sufficiency of Christ as the only Saviour, and the practical training of workers for the carrying of the Good News out into the needy life of a needy world, than does The Moody Bible



Mr. Moody's Room

Institute.”—Chas. G. Trumbull, *Editor of The Sunday School Times*.

“If I had my choice of a school in which to pursue Bible study for the work of the ministry, I would unhesitatingly choose The Moody Bible Institute. The Bible teaching and the all-round training for Christian work in that school is just what the preacher needs. The “Moody men” who come back to us for service in the ministry always bear a distinctive character of efficiency, and they know what to do with the old Book.”—Bishop H. B. Hartzler, *Editor, “The Evangelical,” Harrisburg, Pa.*

“The work is not undenominational, but rather it is interdenominational. It is not antagonistic to the work of the church, but its servant. It is not entering into competition with theological seminaries, but is complementary. It is equipping men and women for special and specific work, which, if the general ministry of this country understood aright, they would always be endeavoring to avail themselves of the workers that are trained here.”—G. Campbell Morgan, *D. D., London*.



Students in Foreign Fields.

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BALANCE SHEET, AUGUST 31, 1914.

ASSETS

Real estate and buildings.....	\$610,431.54
Furniture and fixtures.....	65,574.21
Investments, stocks, bonds, notes and mortgages	380,348.08
Accounts receivable	5,078.69
Bills receivable.....	7,003.57
Inventory	6,373.42
Other assets	11,664.93

Cash—

Students' deposits and special funds	\$13,270.40	
Working fund.....	6,597.62	19,868.02
		\$1,106,343.36

LIABILITIES

Endowments, annuities, bequests and scholarships	\$ 427,552.80
Bills payable	80,115.96
Accounts payable	10,633.26
New building fund.....	3,156.26
Special funds	8,969.76
Other liabilities	2,596.43
Surplus	573,318.89
	\$1,106,343.36

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, First National Bank Building, Chicago, have examined the books of account and records of The Moody Bible Institute for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1914. They have also submitted a balance sheet, showing the condition on that date, and a detailed report on the work with schedules attached. These schedules are on file in the office of the Institute and open to inspection.

LEGAL FORM OF BEQUEST

"I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois the sum of.....dollars, to be paid out of any real or personal estate owned by me at my decease."

LEGAL FORM OF SCHOLARSHIP

"For the purpose of founding a scholarship, I hereby give to The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago the sum of three thousand dollars, to be held in trust, the income to be applied annually by the trustees towards the average expense of the tuition and training of a student."

AN ANNUITY PLAN

The Annuity plan is meeting favor as a substitute for leaving money by will. The Institute will therefore receive money in any amount, and pay an annual interest on it, ranging from 5 to 10 per cent according to the age of the investor, and to continue during life. The advantages of this plan are not only that the annuitant receives an income for life, but is his own executor and has the satisfaction of seeing his money applied in a way of his own choosing.

Moreover, the security is perfectly safe. The Institute is an incorporated body, possessing a large and increasingly valuable property, whose trustees are well-known and of established Christian character. Besides, its books are open for inspection to all who have a right to examine them.

For further information on any of these matters, address,

THE MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE,
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The Institute Motto

Study to show thyself approved
unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing
the Word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15

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